

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 31 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 32 to 34 were cancelled. Claims 9 to 12, 23, and 28 were amended.

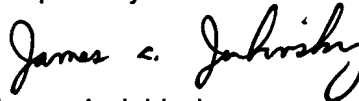
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that Claims 1, 2, 4 to 8, 13 to 22, 24 to 27 and 29 to 31 are allowable.

Claims 9 to 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite as failing to have antecedent basis. Applicants argued in the previous amendment that these claims are independent claims and thus do not lack antecedent basis. The relation back to claim 1 for the definitions of R_1 to R_7 , T, T', X, Y, etc. were only to save space and make the claims easier to read. The present Office Action rejected that argument. Applicants still disagree with these rejections, however, in order to expedite prosecution, Claims 9 to 12 have been amended to incorporate the above-mentioned radical definitions. It should be noted that these amendments are not limiting amendments since the definitions for the radicals have not been changed. The rejections are now moot because the claims are now independent. Support for the amendments can be found in Claim 1.

Claims 23 and 28 were rejected under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite because the prefix B was not defined. The Office Action is correct and the compound with prefix B has been deleted in the present amendment. These rejections are now moot.

Applicants believe they have addressed all issues in the Office Action. It is believed that the pending Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 31 are now in condition for allowance and an early notification of such allowance would be appreciated. If any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below. No fee is due for the submission of this Amendment. If any fee is due, please charge such fee to deposit account 03-4083.

Respectfully submitted



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